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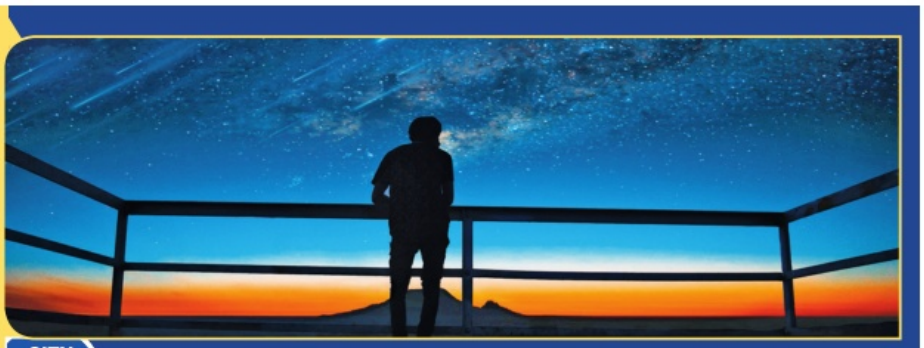

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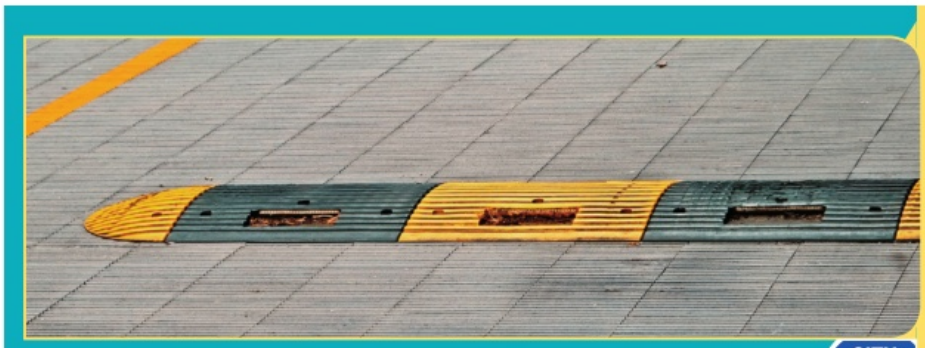

Breaker bad

'427 faulty speed breakers need to be removed or relaid'

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Alongside proposed 10-15% fee hike, some schools in Bengaluru have already closed admissions for 2023-24, leaving parents shocked

LESSONS FRAUGHT

Fee hikes in private schools capped at 15%

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Schools in the city are expected to increase the tuition and transportation fee by 10-15% in 2023-24 academic year.

Though the percentage may differ from school to school, the state government has capped the fee hikes in private schools at a maximum of 15%, D Shashi Kumar, secretary, Association of Primary and Secondary Schools of Karnataka, told BM.

"As per the norm, the schools will be increasing the annual tuition fee by 10-15% again in the coming academic year. It is not a uniform hike; every school does it according to their own expenditure," he explained.

High tuition fees have been one of the biggest concerns for most parents in the city.

"They say 15% is the cap but in most schools 20-40% fee hike is normal... Most schools charge Rs 1-1.5 lakh annual fee plus uniform and transport charges and extra for co-curricular activities, school clubs and so on. The cost of education has increased exponentially in the past five years," said Atul V, a parent.

"There is no regulation, especially at the elite private schools. For 4th standard they are asking Rs 75,000 plus additional charges for school bus, stationary, books and uniform. I asked the school why the fee is so high for class 4 since they have no practical classes, fancy labs, etc. For sport and other activities the schools anyway charge extra," he added.

As per a recent survey by the Economic Times, tuition fee for primary school per year ranges between Rs 1.25 lakh – 1.75 lakh. Moreover, the average yearly fee for middle school is around Rs 1.6 lakh – 1.8 lakh; the overall expenditure here is around Rs 9.5 lakh.

"Every year the cost of education is increasing. According to schools, since maintenance costs and salaries are getting costlier, the tuition fee will be increased. But parents say their earnings have

> **Govt should intervene and prohibit schools from blindly hiking the annual fees every year...**
> — Manjumathi, parent

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Mobile snatchers

Two cases of mobile theft every day in certain stretches, according to police; thieves mostly teenagers on motorbikes

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Cases of mobile theft in the city have seen a spike recently. Areas like Double Road in Indiranagar and SK Karim Khan Road witness at least two cases of mobile theft every day, according to the police.

On Wednesday, Shruthi, a resident of the city registered a complaint with Indiranagar police after her phone was snatched near the Indiranagar Subway.

"I was standing near the subway; two people on a bike came towards me. One of them snatched my phone and escaped. I started screaming and people from the nearby store came outside. They informed me that just 10 minutes ago an old woman's iPhone was also snatched in a similar manner. I was in shock and didn't notice the motorbike's number plate. Later, I filed a complaint. They took my International Mobile Equipment Identity number (IMEI) and have assured me that they will be able to track down my phone in 10 days," she said.

Local shopkeepers in the area BM spoke to claimed that it has become a very common occurrence of late and cases of phone

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Dance away!

Bethany High's tenth musical production – Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber's The School of Rock. The musical is an uproarious, riveting, family entertainer with a strong message from the children to the adults and it will keep your heart and soul (but not your feet) glued to the stage. There are 15 songs ranging from rock and a good smattering of ballads too. **Where: St John's Auditorium; When: December 15 – 17, 6:45 pm**

02 Story of a thief

The Students of Jagriti's Theatre Arts Program present Charandas Chor. Habib Tanvir's celebrated play, Charandas Chor is the story of a habitual thief who uses wit and charm to escape the police. Charandas is considered impossible to catch until he meets a Guru and takes a vow to never tell a lie! The play follows the many antics of Charandas in this funny, heartwarming tale of survival. **Where: Jagriti Theatre, Whitefield When: December 9 – 11; Tickets: bookmyshow.com**

03 India x Japan

Japan Foundation has announced the finale of the Japan Film and Music Festival (JFMF) in Bengaluru, which is one of the biggest cultural events to mark the 70th year of diplomatic relations between India and Japan. The festival will feature recorded concerts by RADWIMPS, one of Japan's leading rock bands, followed by screenings of iconic animated movies by the world-renowned animator and filmmaker Makoto Shinkai. **Where: PVR Orion Mall, Bangalore When: December 9–11; Tickets: bookmyshow.com**

Watchers of B'luru skies, it will be a bright night

Geminids meteor shower, one of the most awaited sky events, will occur on December 13 and Bengalureans can witness this dazzling phenomenon

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The meteor shower can be seen at the Jawaharlal Nehru Planeterium from 10 pm – 4 30 am

Sky-watchers, you're in for a treat. The Jawaharlal Nehru Planetarium will host a winter night at the planetarium on December 13, and one can watch the spectacular Geminids meteor shower, one of the most dazzling celestial events. There is also a possibility to see more than 100 meteors per hour at its peak time.

The winter night at planetarium will start from 10 pm - 4.30 am and will include events like introduction to the night sky, naked eye observations, a view of planets through the telescope and viewing of the Geminids meteor shower at its peak. The time predicted for it to peak is between 2am-3am.

The Geminids meteor shower this year has the possibility of having around 120 meteors per hour. The meteor showers have the name Geminids, as it owes its name to the constellation Gemini because the meteors emerge from this constellation in the sky. If there is no interference of the moon, we could even see more meteors per hour. However, this year there is a gibbous moon which will come in the way, but we will be able to see the meteor showers as predicted, added Pramod Galgali, Director of Jawaharlal Nehru Planetarium.

Asteroids are small, atmosphere-less rocky objects orbiting the sun. Their size ranges from a few metres to hundreds of kilometres in diameter. According to the scientists, generally, the winter skies are clear and the perfect time for sky-gazing.

Galgali, said, "The meteor showers are caused by material left in the sky by comets. It leaves dust in the orbits and when the Earth crossed the orbits, the dust starts entering through it. The Geminids meteor on which will occur on December 13 late night is special as it is caused by an asteroid: the 3200 Phaethon. The asteroid takes over 1.4 years to orbit the sun. The Geminids meteors are also brighter in a nature and those who watch it will have a great experience."

Tips and tricks

- The best viewing spot will be a dark location. It is best to lie down on your back and look at the sky.
- Meteor shows can be a waiting game and hence, you need to be patient.
- Binoculars or telescope are not required to watch the meteor showers.
- Give an hour at least for your eyes to adapt and to watch the sky.
- Take a family member or friend along to watch the sky, as you can watch the sky in two directions. And when one spots it, they can quickly alert the other.

Dr MY Anand, Senior Scientific Officer, Jawaharlal Nehru Planetarium said, "Geminids meteors tend to be bold, white and quick. The brightest ones will overcome the light of the moon. There will be no requirement of any special equipment to watch the meteors. It can be easily seen through the naked eye. This is the first time we are having a night sky watch for a duration of six hours. Or generally we keep it two hours. Every time we have hosted such event, we have got good response from people. We do not allow overcrowding and ensure only a limited people come. The participants will be kept engaged overnight. "

The Mandous effect: Rains here to stay

With the first cyclone of the season developing over Bay of Bengal, meteorological experts say that it may cast its influence on Bengaluru as well. Sanjay, a weather expert said, "There is a chance of scattered rains over Bengaluru and south Karnataka between December 12 and 13 due to the cyclone effect."

Meanwhile, India Meteorological Department (IMD) experts said that for the next two days, cloudy weather may continue in Bengaluru with chances of light rains and fog formation in the mornings. The city's temperature may be between 26 and 17 degree Celsius on Friday, said an expert.

A bulletin issued by IMD also added that the cyclonic storm Mandous (pronounced as Man-Dous which means a treasure box in Arabic; name suggested by UAE) was moving over Southwest Bay of Bengal towards a west-north-westwards direction.

It was moving with a speed of 8 kmph and lay centred over Southwest Bay of Bengal, near a latitude 9.3°N and longitude 84.4°E, about 360 km east-northeast of Trincomalee (Sri Lanka), 480 km east-southeast of Jaffna (Sri Lanka), 530 km east-southeast of Karaikal and about 620 km southeast of Chennai. It is very likely to move west-northwestwards and cross north Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and adjoining south Andhra Pradesh coast between Puducherry and Sriharikota with a maximum sustained wind speed of 65-75 kmph gusting to 85 kmph around midnight of December 9. **— BMB**

427 faulty speed breakers ahead

Traffic police give list of road humps that need to be removed or relaid as per specifications to BBMP

Indian Road Congress lays out specifications for road humps

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It's official-Bengaluru has 427 unscientific road humps and the traffic police have now asked the BBMP to remove these humps at the earliest as they are resulting in accidents and causing hindrance to the smooth flow of traffic. Traffic police say that there is no need for a road hump on residential streets and also that the speed breakers should be laid 'scientifically'.

Special Commissioner (Traffic) MA Saleem said, "If any hump has to be laid, it should be in tune with the specifications of the Indian Road Congress. Many humps are unscientific and can lead to accidents. So, our department had listed 427 unscientific road humps in the city and the list has been forwarded to BBMP. We have suggested to the BBMP to either remove the hump completely or convert them into a scientific road hump or a rumble strip."

According to him, there are a few humps near traffic signals which need to be removed as they hinder flow of traffic. "However, at places where a narrow road meets the main arterial road, there is a need for speed breakers as vehicles usually travel at a certain speed on the main arterial road and the vehicles coming from narrow roads have to slow down before joining the main roads. There is also no requirement of humps at residential roads as only local vehicles are plying here. Out of our list, the BBMP is already working on converting 37 road humps," he said.

Highway blues

There are a number of road humps on National Highways connecting to Bengaluru. A report published by Indian Road Congress states that local authorities are constructing road humps to check the speed of vehicles. This is undesirable as the function of National Highways is to facilitate movement of through traffic and not to hinder it speed breakers can be a source of serious hazards and accidents to the fast moving vehicles. "Generally the use of speed breakers is restricted to residential locations or areas with a specialised land use such as university or hospital campuses. Their use on through roads is incorrect and needs to be deprecated. After careful consideration, it has been decided that henceforth speed breakers should not be permitted on the National Highways," the report added.

> **Many humps are laid in an unscientific manner and can lead to accidents**
> – MA Saleem, Spl Commissioner

The report suggests that at locations where control on speed is necessary, it may be ensured through speed limit signs and strict and rigorous enforcement or the provision of rumble strips or signals.

Return seized vehicles

The Special Commissioner (Traffic) has instructed traffic police that vehicles that were part of accidents and seized by police have to be returned to owners within 24 hours. "Once the RTO is done with inspection, such vehicles can be returned. Currently there is a pile up of vehicles in front of the police stations which is also an eyesore," he added.

'Addicted to phone': Boy dies by suicide

A 13-year-old boy is said to have died by suicide allegedly because his parents took his phone away and asked him to study.

The incident took place in Attibele. The victim, Yashas Gowda, a class 7 student, was found in the store room of the house at Attibele on the Bangalore-Hosur Main Road on Tuesday around 8.30 pm.

"Yashas was studying in class 7 in a private school in Swami Vivekananda Nagar. During the time of the pandemic, the parents had given their son a mobile phone for online classes. The father has stated that since then his son has been addicted to mobile phones," said the police.

The police said the parents found that the boy was on the phone all the time and was not doing his homework properly. They were worried that he was not studying properly, as even without the phone, the boy would watch TV, the police officer said.

A post-mortem examination was conducted at the government hospital in Hoskote under Bangalore Rural Police jurisdiction. The police of Sulibele Police Station have registered a case of unnatural death.

MLA's name in death note

A man died by suicide and in his death note asked MLA Gubbi Srinivas to come for last rites. The victim has been identified as Jaya Prakash, who is said to have jumped into the Devarahosahalli lake in Nelamangala. According to the police, the man in his suicide note asked the local MLA to attend his funeral and to take care of his family. It is being said that the MLA had promised some land to the victim before his death.

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Layout gets BBMP's 'silent treatment'

Stormwater drain in HBR Layout is dumpyard for all types of waste, including mattresses!

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For more than a year, residents of HBR Layout have been complaining about desilting of the stormwater drain (SWD) in their locality. The drain has reportedly become a dumpyard for all kinds of waste, leading to a foul smell emanating from the area.

The layout, which was earlier 'ward number 24', has now been divided into four wards after the ward delimitation was carried out.

The residents revealed that they have been making complaints in every ward meeting about the SWD issue, but Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) SWD engineers have never turned up in the meeting or for a spot inspection to check the problem.

A resident of HBR layout 5th Block stated that an earth mover was recently sent to desilt the SWD, but the work was half done and has been left unfinished.

Vikram Mailar, one of the affected residents, said, "The entire SWD has been filled with silt for years now. This has to be taken up as a priority and cleaned up. The workers come and carry out half the work. The waste cleared from the SWD is again dumped back on one corner of the drain itself. How does this even help? People have been throwing all waste materials, garbage, and even a mattress inside it."

This apart, residents complained that fences along the drain have been opened up, and this paves an easy way for anybody to come forward and dump the trash. In spite of them alerting BBMP officials, no action has reportedly been taken.

This is the state of the area; residents complain about unchecked dumping of garbage and animal waste

> **"The workers come and carry out half the work. The waste cleared from the SWD is again dumped back on one corner of the drain itself**
> – Vikram Mailar, resident of the area

Another resident told Bangalore Mirror, "The SWD gates are installed in multiple places, and every time there is a new contractor assigned, they leave it open as per their choice for months and years. It has entry points in a few places which are very risky and should be closed. They have not been responding to any letters that have been submitted by us."

The residents also said that during February 2021, the Palike was carrying out construction of SWD sidewalls near 5th Block. While they were carrying out the work, the service road was damaged and remains unusable even today.

"Now the road has become a dumping stretch where over four feet of debris is dumped. Nobody can walk through the stretch. Our complaints fall on deaf ears," said another local.

Commute to Halasuru faster now

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Thousands of motorists who have been struggling to commute via Indiranagar's narrow crossroads due to white topping work using Rapid Road Technology were relieved on Thursday with blocked roads being opened to the public. They were previously being compelled to take a detour to Halasuru and other areas from November 23.

A stretch of Old Madras Road between 100 Feet Road Junction and BDA Shopping Complex Junction was inaugurated by Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, and hundreds of residents and BJP activists, along with CV Raman Nagar MLA S Raghu, were in attendance. "We will consider extending Rapid Road Technology to other roads in the city if it ensures quality and is cost-effective. We will take a decision after receiving the report on it," said Bommai.

Motorists were facing a lot of problems when white-topping was in progress.

"White-topping of roads takes a lot of time. We are facing a lot of problems while constructing roads in the city. Traffic has to be diverted to other roads and leads to jams. If there are any utility issues, breaking the white-topped road would be a big problem," added the CM.

Rapid Road Technology would be ideal to avoid breaking of concrete roads to fix utilities-related issues. The topping is completed on a stretch of 375 m out of 500 m. Bommai has asked engineers to submit a report after allowing 20-tonne vehicles to commute on the stretch.

The stretch is being developed on a pilot basis.

"We have to wait for 10 to 15 days to understand the durability of the road city," said MLA Raghu.

Meanwhile, Bruhat Bengaluru M ahanagara Palike (BBMP) Engineer-in-Chief B S Prahlad, reported that the cost of white topping roads using Rapid Road Technology would be around 40 per cent higher than the conventional method.

"We will reduce the cost by reducing thickness of the concrete blocks, using steel, and reinforcing fabric in road construction. We have roped in the Centre for Road Research Institute to evaluate the durability of this road. We will receive the report after 15 days," he said.

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Negligence
Ulsoor

This is the condition of Ulsoor. Hope BBMP will clean the place up.

Open junction box
Nandini Layout

This junction box has been left open near Reliance Mart in Nandini Layout.

Traffic violations: Police give AI a shot

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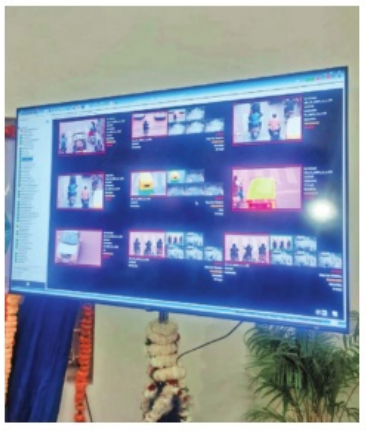
In a bid to automate preparing challans and digitalising fine payments, Bangalore Traffic Police has installed 250 AI-integrated ANPR cameras and 8 red light violation detection cameras at 50 junctions in the city. Vehicle owners will get their challans as SMSs immediately after a violation is detected by the camera.

The camera-based traffic management is part of BTP's larger efforts to integrate technology into police functioning under the Intelligent Traffic Management System (ITMS) that is aimed at making enforcement of traffic violations contactless. The cameras can detect visible violations under 7 categories - speed limit violation, red light violation, stop lane violation, no helmet, triple riding, driving using phones, and driving without seat belts.

Police officials state that the cameras were 90 per cent accurate, and with sufficient data collected, they are now 99 per cent accurate. Matrix Security & Surveillance Pvt Ltd has won the bidding and will be managing the cameras for the next five years. The full HD cameras are capable of detecting all types of vehicle categories and officials can even find violations based on colour and make.



Cops state that the cameras are 99 per cent accurate at present

Special Commissioner of Police (Traffic), MA Saleem, said, "This is the second generation of automatic challan system. Any traffic violations at junctions will automatically get captured and be sent to the server. Further, the number mentioned in RC will be sent as an SMS. Through the automatic challan system, we are recording up to 20,000- 22,000 violations."

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai told reporters, that the process is expected to reduce harassment for vehicle users.

"We are also working on signal synchronisation. The stretch between Minerva Circle to Town Hall has been synchronised. Several stretches like this will be synchronised. Additionally, BTP is working on seamless movement on 12 high-density corridors," he said.

"Additionally, we are planning to start new traffic stations at Bellandur, Hennur, Mahadevapura, Thalgathpura, and Byappanahalli. We are focusing on areas with major traffic problems in the city," added Saleem.

Saleem clarified that traffic officials will continue manual collection for violations as well.

AI-detected challans can be challenged as every violation is recorded as a 5-second video. Vehicle owners can register their complaint at 112 or at a Traffic Management Centre.

Experts alarmed by 'mystery' tree axing

12 trees on Hosakerehalli Lake's bank have allegedly been axed by BBMP

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Citizens allege that over 12 trees were felled in the banks of Hosakerehalli Lake in RR Nagar for a road widening project. However, officials from the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike's (BBMP) Forest Department say that they have accorded no such permission.

"We conducted a field inspection on Wednesday. It is BBMPs' road widening project, but no permission has been sought or given by the forest cell to chop trees around the water body. The department will carry out an inspection to understand how many trees have been cut," said a forest cell official.

According to the Karnataka Preservation of Tree Act 1976, no tree can be felled on any land, whether private or government, without the tree officer's permission. Cutting trees without permission is a punishable offense.

The High Court of Karnataka, in a recent judgment on tree felling, had noted that although permission is not required to fell certain varieties of trees under the Act, the doctrine of public trust requires the state and its agencies to protect the environment by not removing trees mechanically.

Dattatreya Devare, trustee, Bangalore Environment Trust, said, "The department must lodge an FIR against those responsible for cutting trees without permission. There has to be at least one case where there is strict punishment awarded for illegal axing of trees. Currently, it is negligible, and one can be imprisoned, but even that is not implemented. To the best of my knowledge, no one has been penalised so far."

Last tree standing near the lake; trees cannot be cut down without the tree officer's permission

Locals bereft

Locals reported being shocked to see the green canopy gone in a jiffy. All the trees on one side of the lake have been removed, and citizens alleged the trees that faced the axe had been thriving in the area for years. News regarding the axing was also reportedly not brought up in the ward committee meetings.

Residents in the area also said a wider road is pointless if they still have to live with the stench emanating from Hosakerehalli Lake.

They have been complaining for months about garbage dumping and sewage discharge into the water body, leading to an unbearable smell and mosquito breeding. The lake was recently handed over to BBMP by the Bengaluru Development Authority (BDA). Although the civic body promised to rejuvenate the lake, no work has started yet.

"The least our civic body can do is involve citizens in the constituency's infrastructure projects and seek opinions from citizens before acting in haste," said Rachna Ravi Kiran, a local.

With the old trees taken down, residents are scared of the lake banks becoming more prone to soil erosion and consequential flooding.

"There have been disastrous floods in the past where residents have faced the lake's wrath. The ill effects of this unnecessary 'development' project can only be grasped during monsoon. That's when the concerned municipal authorities will also disappear," said another resident.

Residents also say that while officials have been citing a lack of funds for lake rejuvenation, road construction is happening in full swing.

> **"There has to be at least one case where there is strict punishment. Currently, it is negligible, and one can be imprisoned, but even that is not done**
>
> – Dattatreya Devare, Bangalore Environment Trust

'Need rescue centres for leopards'

The past week has kept people on tenterhooks with numerous leopard sightings, especially in the periphery of Bengaluru. While citizens want the Forest Department to go for more intensive combing measures, environmentalists are calling for more training programmes to tackle the growing man-animal conflict. In fact, after leopard sightings near Turahalli, the department has had no luck in rescuing the elusive animal.

Wildlife Scientist Dr Sanjay Gubbi asked the state government to start a mandatory curriculum on human-wildlife conflict in Forest Watcher, Forest Guard, Deputy Range Forest Officer, and Range Forest Officer training schools. He has also asked for a minimum of three leopard rescue centres to be established in the state to treat and care for leopards that have been captured in emergency situations.

Populations of some wildlife species have increased after the implementation of the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972 and other laws. "Based on our research, we estimate that there are about 2,500 leopards in the state, and they have been documented in 29 districts. These large cats survive in almost any kind of habitat, including large forests, small forest patches, rocky outcrops, and grasslands. They need about four kg of food per day, so they can survive on smaller prey, including black-naped hares, porcupines, wild pigs, sheep-goat, and domestic dogs. Due to these reasons, leopards can survive even in areas with high human density," Gubbi said.

He said that more than 50 per cent of the human-leopard conflicts occur in five districts (Ramanagara, Tumkur, Mandya, Mysuru, and Hassan), but lately, the number of conflicts have also risen in Ballari, Koppal, and Kolar districts. These districts also have high levels of granite quarrying and mining, which has resulted in severe loss of leopards' natural habitat. In areas where leopards lose their habitat, they shift to man-made habitat such as sugarcane fields, maize fields, and eucalyptus plantations.

Of the 27,418 revenue villages in Karnataka, there is an occurrence of human-leopard conflict in over 700 villages and is increasing by the day, he said. He also said that outside protected areas, poaching of leopards' natural prey such as chital, sambar, and four-horned antelope has increased. "CCTV footage of leopards is leading to the assumption that there is an increased number of leopards. Similarly, the circulation of fake information over social media is also creating fear among people,"he said. He stated that there is a shortage of staff in the Forest Department, Hence, a separate division to handle human-wildlife conflict must be established. **-BMB**

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I, VIJAY RAJPUROHIT, S/o, Tikmaji Purohit and Residing at No.222, Odo Ka Vas, Bhinmal, Jalore 343029 Rajasthan, India (Now Camp At Bangalore) have changed my name to VARDA RAM vide affidavit dated 25.11.2022 sworn before notary B V Nagabhushana, Bangalore.

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Rowdy-sheeter, three others shot

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Four people including a rowdy-sheeter named Shivashankar Reddy were shot at on Thursday at 3 pm by a gang. The incident happened within KR Puram police station limits.

Reddy is said to be involved in multiple crimes in Madanpalli, Andhra Pradesh. He is also involved in two murder cases. According to the police, the gang which shot the man hails from Andhra Pradesh.

"Reddy along with other three people, was standing on the roadside, when the miscreants came and suddenly opened fire and fled. One round was fired at the others and four or five rounds were fired at Reddy," said the police.

Three special teams have been formed to catch the accused.

Pervert arrested

Cyber police of Bengaluru's South-East Division have arrested a man for filming nude videos of girls.

According to the police, the man used to jump from one building to another and film naked and half-naked videos of girls bathing and changing clothes. The accused has been identified as Niranjan from Pondicherry. He used to live in a PG in Bengaluru for the last 4 years.

"The accused was unemployed for four years and used to make videos of girls. Later, he threatened to make the video go viral if the girls didn't agree to have sex with him. Based on the complaint of a young woman, the cyber police arrested the accused," said the police.

Following the complaint, the victim called police to a location where the accused had asked her to meet. The police caught him red-handed and are currently investigating the case. According to the preliminary investigation, the man had also consumed marijuana before committing the crime.

Two-wheeler thief in hot water

Shankarpur Police Station arrested a man in connection to the theft of a two-wheeler.

A case has been registered under Section 379 of IPC at the police station. The accused has been identified as Srikanth Bin Sharanappa, 23, who is a native of Assam. He was accused of stealing a blue Yamaha A15 from Kanakapura Main Road.

Fun, gone wrong

Vidyaranyapura Police Station has arrested three accused who stole mobile phones for fun.

The accused were also involved in house thefts and robbery. The accused have been identified as Syed Waseem, Anish, Aand Anwar.

A total of two mobiles worth Rs 1,37,000 along with two-wheelers were seized by the police. A case is registered under Section 392 of the IPC.

The police are still investigating the case.

A costly lesson for parents

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remained the same since the pandemic while the expenditure has gone up. The government should intervene and prohibit the schools from blindly hiking the annual fees every year. It should be based on their expenditure and not solely to make profit out of education," said Manjumathi, another parent.

"For example, even when the fuel price remains unchanged in the city for several months, the transport cost is expected to be increased. Currently I am paying Rs 28,000 annually for the transport alone which is already very high," she added.

However, Shashi Kumar said that fuel is just one factor in the transportation cost. "We have to give out salaries every year and the cost keeps increasing... However, most schools do not increase the fee by more than 15%; it will remain the same in the coming academic session also," he added.

School admissions: parents worry

Meanwhile, as the year comes to an end, most schools around the city are preparing to admit students for the coming academic session.

However, many parents were shocked to see that some schools have already closed the admissions after just 15-20

days.

"As we are relocating to Bengaluru, we were enquiring about the admissions for grade 5 in many private schools. I was surprised to know that many of the schools have already closed admissions for the coming session considering that it is only the beginning of December," a parent told Bangalore Mirror.

"This should be brought to the attention of the concerned authorities as it is wrong. There should be regulations for the same. The schools cannot close, let alone conduct, admissions in the middle of an academic year," he further added.

The department of public instruction releases a schedule for all academic activities including admissions for schools across the state.

"Most government schools start their admission process in February. On the other hand, a few private schools start the process really early around early December as well," Vishal R, commissioner for public instruction, said.

The schedule for admissions for the coming academic session has not been released by the department yet.

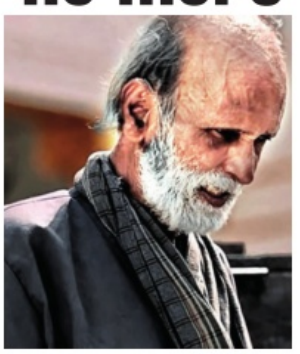
Moreover, parents are already concerned about the high admission and registration fee. "Some private schools charge more than Rs 30,000 to 50,000 as a one-time admission fee even for grade 7; schools also ask for donations.

So much for quality education in Bengaluru... Before changing our children's schools, we have to think twice as every step in these private schools ends up costing thousands of rupees," said Deepali, another parent.

Other parents complained they are being asked to pay the admission fee for promoting the student to class 11 in the same school.

"I was told that since every admission is counted as a fresh admission while promoting from grade 10 to 11, I will have to pay Rs 30,000 as the admission fee along with extra costs," said another parent.

KGF actor no more



Veteran Kannada actor Krishna G Rao, best known for playing a visually impaired man in the KGF franchise, has passed away. He was 70.

The news was shared on the official handle of the KGF film. "Condolences from Hombale film team on the passing away of Krishna G Rao, fondly known as Thatha by KGF fans. Om Shanti (sic)," a post read.

Reportedly, Krishna G Rao breathed his last at Vinayaka Hospital in Bengaluru on Wednesday. If reports are to be believed, he died due to a lung infection.

After learning about his demise, actor Raveena Tandon, who played a prominent role in 'KGF 2', paid her heartfelt condolences.

"Condolences to his family and the entire family of KGF, KGF Chapter 2. Om Shanti," she wrote on her Instagram Story. Others also mourned the death of Krishna G Rao.

"RIP #KrishnaGRao ji... you were very impactful in #KGFChapter2, the song #Toofan and various other work of yours... He passed away at the age of 70 due to illness," a social media user tweeted. "May his soul rest in peace," another one wrote.

After KGF, Krishna G Rao played the titular role in an upcoming Kannada film, titled Nano Narayanappa. – ANI

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BJP's record in Guj; Cong bags HP

7th straight term for saffron party in Modi-Shah's home state; Bhupendra Patel to continue as CM

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Riding high on the charisma of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the BJP on Thursday retained power in Gujarat for a record seventh straight term pulverising the opposition to secure the biggest majority ever in the state.

While the BJP set new records in the home state of Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah with its "historic" victory, it lost Himachal Pradesh to the Congress after a close fight and the hill state continued with the tradition of nearly four decades of voting out the incumbent party. Congress leaders credited its general secretary Priyanka Gandhi for the win which came as a boost for the grand old party in the home state of BJP President JP Nadda.

As Modi continued to hold sway over voters and addressed 31 election rallies in Gujarat, the Bharatiya Janata Party(BJP) crossed the three-fourths majority and in the process checkmated the new entrant Aam Aadmi Party(AAP) in triangular contests and also pushed the Congress down to its all time low.

The Gujarat state BJP president CR Paatil said Bhupendra Patel, the party's 60-year-old soft-spoken face in Gujarat, would continue as the chief minister and his swearing-in ceremony would be held on December 12. Patel won the Ghatlodia seat in Ahmedabad by a huge margin of 1.92 lakh votes.

Getting support from all sections, the BJP got 147 seats and was leading in 9 in a House of 182 garnering a vote share of nearly 53 per cent which was the highest for any party in the western state.

The BJP, which bagged 99 seats in 2017 Assembly polls with a 49.1 per cent vote share, surpassed its previous best showing of 127 seats in 2002 when Modi was the chief minister. Congress holds the all-time record of 149 seats that it had won in 1985 under the leadership of Madhavsinh Solanki.

With a nearly 13 per cent vote share, the Arvind Kejriwal-headed AAP won five seats. In a video message, the Delhi Chief Minister said though the AAP has not won many seats the votes it got helped it attain the national party status.

Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and Gujarat Chief Minister Patel credited Prime Minister Modi for the party's "historic victory".

"The biggest credit for this victory goes to public's trust in the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, his popularity and credibility. Congratulations to him and thanks to the public," Singh said.

Hundreds of BJP workers thronged the party office in Gandhinagar as they danced and distributed sweets outside the Gujarat state party headquarters.

Though the opposition in Gujarat took on the Modi government over rising inflation, slowing growth and joblessness, the economic troubles apparently did not dent BJP's popularity in the state that has been a bastion of the party for decades and where Modi was chief minister from 2001 to 2014.

While the Congress was not expected to replicate its creditable performance of the last Assembly elections in 2017, a good showing by the AAP could have helped Kejriwal cement his place as a key challenger to Prime Minister Modi in the 2024 Lok Sabha polls. The AAP is also in power in Punjab.

Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur, who won for the sixth time from Seraj assembly seat in Mandi district, said he respects the mandate of the people and submitted his resignation to Governor Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar.

The vote share difference for the Congress and the BJP was less than one per cent. While the Congress polled 43.9 per cent votes, the vote share for the BJP was 43 per cent.

Anti-incumbency against the ruling BJP government coupled with the issue of price rise with Congress promising restoration of the old pension scheme and providing Rs 1,500 to every adult woman in the state seemed to be the main factors that worked in favour of the grand old party.

All India Congress Committee (AICC) in charge of Himachal Pradesh Rajeev Shukla hailed Priyanka Gandhi's campaign and leadership. **– PTI**

(From left) A supporter of BJP waves the party's flag during celebrations after poll results, in Gandhinagar, Gujarat on Thursday; Congress workers celebrate the party's victory in Himachal Pradesh Assembly elections, in Kullu

GUJARAT 182 SEATS	
BJP	156
CONGRESS	17
AAP	5
OTHERS	4

HIMACHAL PRADESH 68 SEATS	
BJP	25
CONGRESS	40
AAP	0
OTHERS	3

Collegium is law of land: SC to Centre

#New Delhi

Amid the ongoing friction between the Centre and the judiciary on the issue of appointment of judges, the Supreme Court on Thursday told the Centre that collegium system is the "law of the land", which should be followed.

And, referring to government functionaries' remarks against the collegium, the top court said, "Making comments on the Supreme Court collegium is not very well taken" and told the Attorney General (AG) R. Venkataramani, representing the Centre, "you tell them to control..."

A bench headed by Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul and comprising Justices Abhay S. Oka and Vikram Nath told the AG that just because there are some sections of society who express a view against the collegium system, it will not cease to be the law of the land. The bench added that the apex court judgment, which formulated the collegium system for judges' appointment must be adhered to.

Justice Kaul told the AG, "There are sections in society who do not agree with the laws made by the Parliamenta...should the court stop enforcing such laws on that ground?...". The bench further added that if everyone in society decides which law to follow and which law not to follow, then there would be a breakdown.

Senior advocate Vikas Singh, president of the Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA), cited recent statements made by the law minister and the vice president about the collegium system. Justice Kaul said tomorrow people will say basic structure is also not a part of the Constitution! Justice Nath told the AG, "Mr Singh is referring to speeches... which is not very good for...making comments on the Supreme Court collegium is not very well taken. You have to tell them to control...", Justice Vikram Nath told the AG.

The AG said that there are two instances where the apex court collegium itself dropped the reiterated names which were sent back by the Centre and this gave rise to a perception that the reiterations might not be conclusive.

The bench responded that these are isolated cases, which cannot give license to the government to ignore the constitution bench judgment, which clearly laid down that collegium reiterations are binding. It observed that when there is a judgment, there is no room for any other perception.

The top court urged the AG to play a constructive role in engaging with the government on the issue of delay of appointment of judges. The bench said the scheme of our Constitution requires our court to be the final arbiter of law and Parliament has the right to enact a law but the power to scrutinize it lies with the court.

The top court was hearing a contempt petition filed by Advocates Association of Bengaluru against Centre breaching the timeline for judicial appointments. **– IANS**

Spike in mobile thefts

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snatching happen every day. "It has become a routine now. The thieves are mostly teenagers and they are on motorbikes. In 90% of cases, people don't get their phones back. It's not as though there are no police personnel in the area; the fact is that the thieves don't seem to fear them," said Sudeep, a shopkeeper on Double Road.

Police said that catching mobile thieves is difficult because they are granted bail in a day and often go back to their mobile snatching business.

"After registering the case, we look for the CCTV footage. Most of the time, we are able to record the bike number and catch the thief. But the main problem is that even if we do catch them, they get bailed out in a day or two, and they go back to being thieves again. So, we are not actually able to help the situation because we catch them but then they are free the very next day," said the inspector at the Indiranagar police station.

The police also informed that most of the accused are from different states. "We have noticed that in maximum cases, the culprit is from the neighbouring state and is often a young adult between the age of 19 and 22," the police noted.

HEALTH TIP: Drink at least 8-10 glasses of water every day; it not only flushes out toxins from your system but also keeps your skin glowing and healthy

Always make your breakfast the healthiest meal of the day by including whole grains, seasonal vegetables, and a protein source

This mite cause problems

Invisible skin mites called Demodex almost certainly live on your face, but what about your mascara?

Demodex are a family of eight-legged mites that live in the hair follicles and associated sebaceous or oil glands of many mammals.

Two species are known in humans – Demodex folliculorum, which lives mainly in hair follicles on our faces (especially eyelashes and eyebrows), and Demodex brevis, which sets up home in the oil glands on the face and elsewhere.

Newborns don't have Demodex mites. In a study looking for them on adult humans, researchers could detect them visually in only 14 per cent of people. However, once they used DNA analysis, they found signs of Demodex on 100 per cent of the adult humans they tested, a finding supported by previous cadaver examinations.

If they live all over humanity, the question arises – are these mites parasites or commensal (harmless) organisms, living in harmony with their unwitting hosts? And which of our daily habits, such as face washing and make-up application, can assist or hinder the mites' survival? This is where it gets tricky.

Demodex mites are tiny. The larger of the two human species, D folliculorum, is about a third of a millimetre long, while D brevis spans less than a quarter of a millimetre. They also carry a range of bacterial species on their bodies. A number of methods are used to directly detect mites. The best method is a skin biopsy involving a small amount of cyanoacrylate glue (superglue) on a microscope slide.

Cylindrical dandruff around infected hairs is characteristic of mites in residence due to their living habits. Mites can also be squeezed out of follicles with a zit extractor. The mites feed on skin cells and sebaceous oils, which they predigest by secreting a range of enzymes. As they don't have an anus, they regurgitate their waste products.

Ensconced in cosy follicle homes, the mites mate and lay eggs; after a lifespan of about 15 days, they die and decompose right there in the follicle.

These fairly disgusting habits may be one reason Demodex can cause allergic reactions in some people, and might also explain a number of associated clinical effects.

According to a study, the average survival time for Demodex mites in mascara is approximately 21 hours

Face mites can cause a range of problems Unfortunately, recent studies suggest a number of conditions involving Demodex mites:

- A range of rashes
- Acne and pustules on the skin
- Blepharitis or inflammation of the eyelid
- Meibomian gland dysfunction – blockage of the oil glands on the eyelid, which can result in cysts
- Inflammation of the cornea itself
- Dry eyes and the formation of pterygium, a fleshy growth on the eye.
- There are other causes of these conditions, but mites are under increasing suspicion as to their contributing role.

However, not all of us have negative reactions to these creatures. Humans mate randomly, and our genetics are thus highly variable – when we are infected, our genes determine our immune and other responses. Some of us don't react at all, some of us get an itch for a while, and some get chronic debilitating conditions. Similarly, mite numbers vary between people – if they reproduce in high levels, they are more likely to lead to issues.

Interestingly, the conditions named above and mite numbers seem to increase with age and in immune-compromised patients, suggesting a correlation with decreased immune function. It appears our immune system is key to understanding mite reproduction and their clinical effects.

There are a number of therapeutic compounds that reduce mite numbers, but the consensus is that Demodex are a natural part of our skin flora, so it might be best not to eliminate them entirely.

When people suffer chronic disease, more robust treatment might be necessary against the mite population, although reinfection from human family members is highly likely. Mites do not survive for long off their hosts. Other than direct contact, personal hygiene products probably present the main mechanism of cross-infection.

Sharing make-up brushes, tweezers, eyeliner, and mascara is probably not a good idea, although avoiding infection in a shared bathroom might be difficult. In one study, the average survival time for Demodex in mascara was 21 hours. Other aspects of make-up use, such as regular cleaning and washing of the face, may reduce mite numbers, although other studies suggest mites survive washing quite well.

Thus, it's unclear how much you can affect your mite population. However, if you suffer any inflammation of the eyelids and nearby areas, avoiding make-up and seeking medical advice might be best.

Overall, as unpleasant as they might sound, Demodex appear to be a normal part of our skin flora. However, some of us do react negatively to their presence and suffer rashes and inflammation. Controlling such reactions might be as easy as limiting mite numbers with a wash or treatment prescribed by a medical professional – just know that entirely getting rid of our mite friends is probably impossible.

— By Mark Sandeman, Honorary Professor, Federation University Australia (The Conversation)

MIRRORLIGHTS

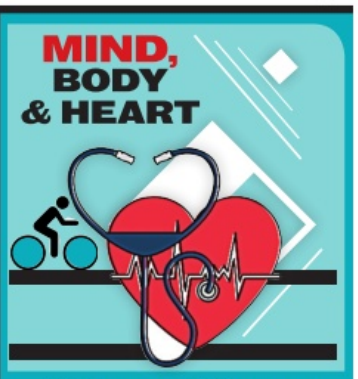
You could lower bleeding stroke risk with this

People who take cholesterol-lowering drugs called statins may have a lower risk of having a type of stroke called an intracerebral hemorrhage, according to a new study published in the medical journal of the American Academy of Neurology.

An intracerebral hemorrhage is caused by bleeding in the brain.

"While statins have been shown to reduce the risk of stroke from blood clots, there has been conflicting research on whether statin use increases or decreases the risk of a person having a first intracerebral hemorrhage," said study author David Gaist, MD, PhD, of the University of Southern Denmark in Odense and a member of the American Academy of Neurology. "For our study, we looked at the lobe and non-lobe areas of the brain to see if location was a factor for statin use and the risk of a first intracerebral hemorrhage. We found that those who used a statin had a lower risk of this type of bleeding stroke in both areas of the brain. The risk was even lower with long-term statin use."

The lobe area of the brain includes most of the cerebrum, including the frontal, parietal, temporal and occipital lobes. The non-lobe area primarily includes the basal ganglia, thalamus, cerebellum and brainstem.. —ANI



All problems solved

Dear Coleen

I've started seeing a guy I like a lot and think the relationship could be serious and go the distance. We met online and have had lots of dates. He's smart, funny, and I really fancy him. After being single for three years I'm enjoying myself.
My problem is, he was made redundant recently and, as a result, is facing all kinds of financial nightmares which he's worrying about.
I actually have the funds to help him in the short term (savings, plus a relatively well paid job), but I don't know if it's too early in the relationship to offer something like this.
I'm worried that he might take offence. Also I haven't really known him for that long - we've been dating for three months. What I'm certain of is he's a good person and I don't think he'd ever do a runner without paying me back or anything like that. Also he's clever and hardworking and I'm sure he'll pull out all the stops to find another job. I'd love your opinion.

COLEEN SAYS

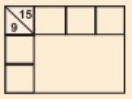
Money can be a very thorny issue, so I think if you do offer him financial help, then it's important to be clear about your expectations from the start in terms of him paying you back. If you don't, you risk getting into financial difficulty yourself or things could coast and you might end up resenting him. None of this is a good foundation for the start of a new relationship.

But your instinct is to trust him and you're very positive about the relationship, so when it comes to offering, just say something like: "If you're struggling and need me to help you out in the short term with anything, I can, and then when you're back on your feet, we can work out how you pay me back".

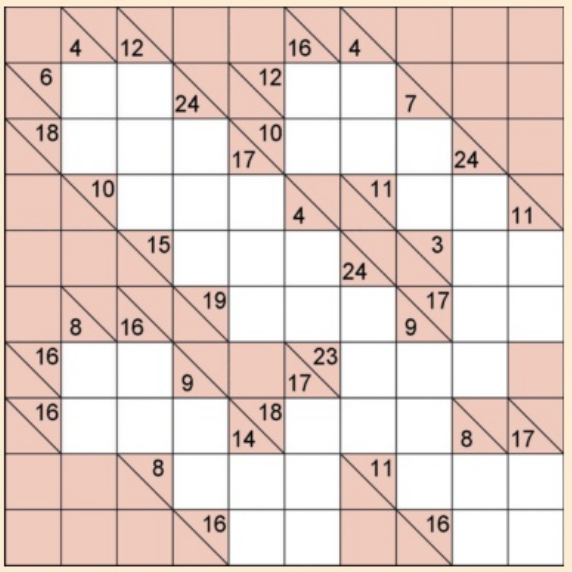
—Coleen Nolan, Daily Mirror

Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.



Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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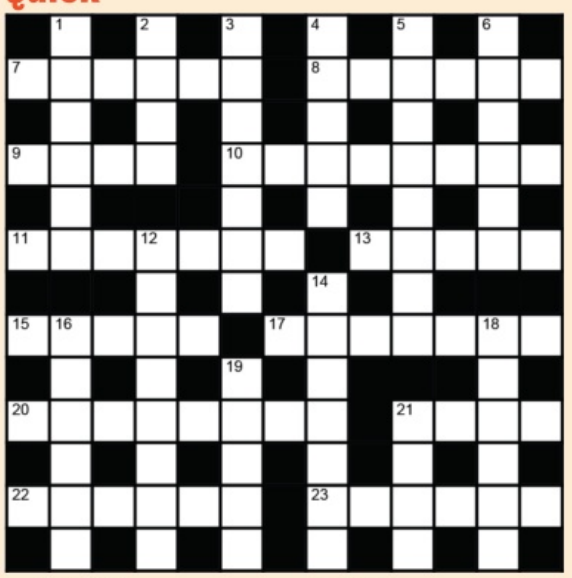


ACROSS

7 ___ said than done? (6)
8 Unsatisfactory state of affairs? (3,3)
9 Distort or falsify (4)
10 Embraces; grips tightly? (8)
11 At the right time? (7)
13 Corrosive chemicals? (5)
15 Pack tightly, force or cram? (5)
17 Microsoft OS (7)
20 Gathers or brings together? (6,2)
21 Genuine (4)
22 Google browser (6)
23 Burnt out piece of coal, etc. (6)

DOWN

1 ___ ___ with : began to associate with? (4,2)
2 Masticate (4)
3 Park in Bangalore's Central Business District (7)
4 Towards the rear (5)
5 Forward-looking or ahead (8)
6 Leaped on one foot (6)
12 Intermittently or occasionally (3,3,2)
14 Find trivial faults (7)
16 Prize (6)
18 Used a loom (6)
19 Fire residue (5)
21 Gujarat's __ of Kutch (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: D EQUALS U

SVNVM XVQM GRDM HVJY YMRDJVMJ XCVS GRD BR RDY YR TFBCY TRM TMVVARP QSA YMDYC.

Linemaro

Your eyes are astonishing

Mindchow

We may not go where we intend to go, but end up where we need to be

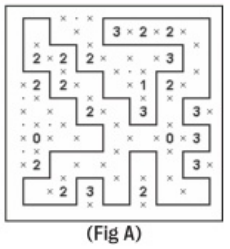
Joke of the day

"The bank has returned your check." "Great. What can we buy with it this time?"

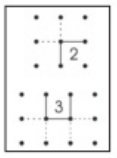
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)

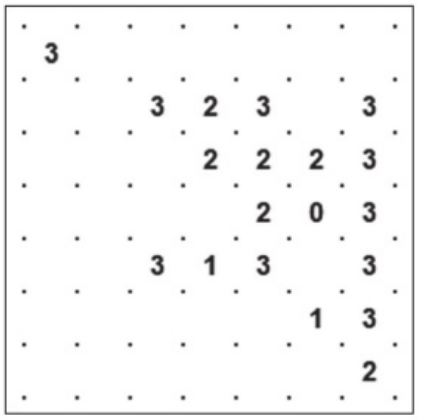


(Fig B) Not Allowed

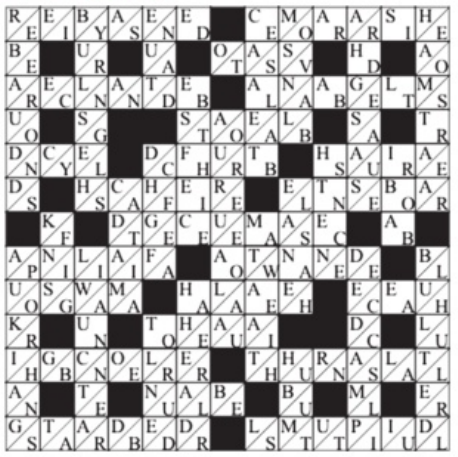
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...

1	2	3 P	4	5
6				
7				
8				
9				

ACROSS

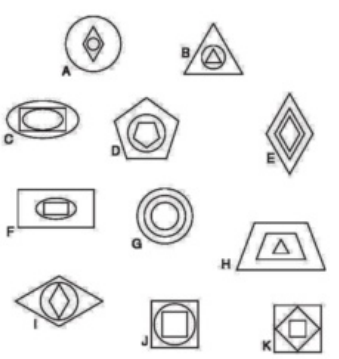
1 A prop; 6 Rider; 7 Alien; 8 Poets; 9 Smite

DOWN

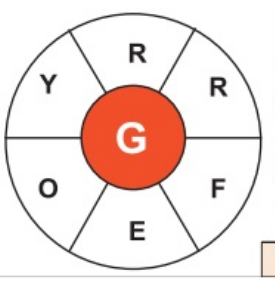
1 Pad at; 2 Pile I; 3 Prims; 4 Terne; 5 Ore so

Mensapuzzle

Which is the odd one out?



Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

09 Average; **10** Good; **12** Outstanding

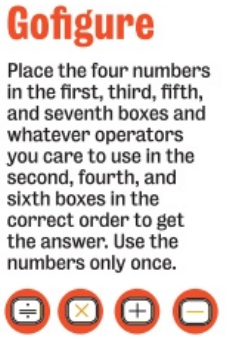
SudokuChallenge

5	9							8
	2	8			6		1	3
			3				2	
	4			3		2		
			4	8	2			
		5		1			6	
	5				7			
4	7		9			3	8	
6							5	9

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



Easy = 2

2 5 6 7

Medium = 1

2 5 7 8

Hard = 8

1 2 5 1

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

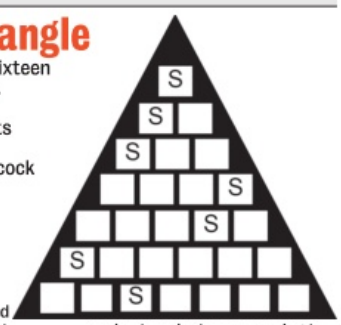
Differences: 1. Dishcloth is larger. 2. Picture on wall is larger. 3. Stack of dishes is shorter. 4. Cabinet handle is missing. 5. Report card is smaller. 6. Upper cabinet is missing.

Riddler

The Agents of F.C.I. have amusing anagrams to match their characteristics, for example, AGENT SOUL, whose name anagrams to LANGOUSTE, likes seafood. Try to determine the Anagrams for the following Agents. AGENT DEE is very young. AGENT YIP specializes in Pharaohs and Sphinxes. AGENT MIC has attractive abilities.

Alpha triangle

1 Atomic number Sixteen
2 South East, abbr.
3 _ red, seethe
4 Evenings for poets
5 Poesy
6 Socked a shuttlecock
7 Merit



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

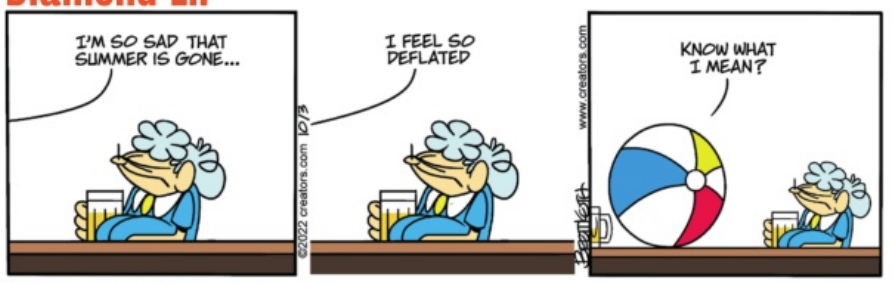
COMICS

Redeye by Mel Casson

SQUIRRELS STORING NUTS.., LEAVES TURNING COLOR
YOU KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS?
YEAH! THE START OF THE "STATIC ELECTRICITY SEASON"!
9-22

Bizarrotrip

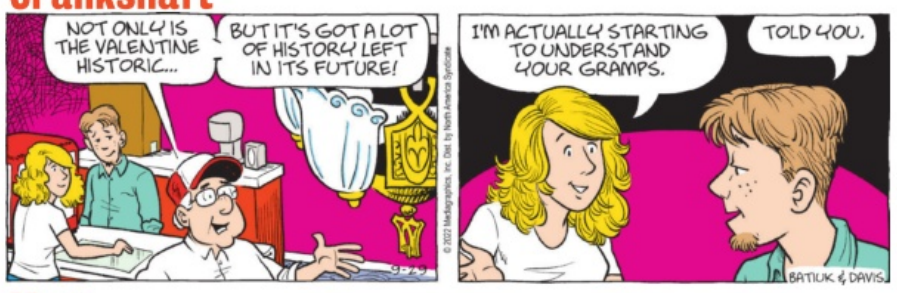
Diamond Lil



Hart of the city

FIRST THINGS FIRST: GATHER CLUES AND INVESTIGATE THE SCENE OF THE CRIME.
HEY, HEART! HOW WAS HANGING OUT WITH ALYSSA?
THIS IS AN INVESTIGATIVE MATTER, MA'AM. I'M GONNA NEED YOU TO COOPERATE AND LET ME IN.
IT'S OKAY, MOM. I INVITED HER.
WHEN DID I BECOME A BOUNCER FOR MY OWN HOME?

Crankshaft


NOT ONLY IS THE VALENTINE HISTORIC...
BUT IT'S GOT A LOT OF HISTORY LEFT IN ITS FUTURE!
I'M ACTUALLY STARTING TO UNDERSTAND YOUR GRAMPS.
TOLD YOU.
BATIUK & DAVIS

Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today you may spend money on your family. It may affect your financial health. You are advised to avoid spending money on worthless things. You need to think twice before you act. It is advised to control your straightforwardness to maintain harmony in your domestic and professional life.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today is a good day for you. You may have a positive environment around you after hearing some good news from your sibling. Job seekers may get a good job. Your spiritual energy can help you take the right decision. Your focus towards your goal will be clear now. Students may have good focus on their studies.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today you feel dull. You may not feel healthy and are likely to find yourself standing at crossroads. It is advised to follow your intuition before making any important decision. It is also advised to drive safely and avoid adventure tourism. You may criticise yourself. You may find it difficult to take some important decisions, which may be the reason for your lack of self confidence. It may affect your social image.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today is important in terms of gains. You may get results with low effort. Your losses may convert to profits with the help of your intelligence. You may plan to get into academics. You may donate some money to charity and help needy people. Some investments in intellectual assets may be possible. Students will do well.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today your performance may be very good at work. You may have support from your boss and seniors. You are likely to get new opportunities. You can expect to get a new job as well. Jobseekers may find suitable work. Singles will find love at their work place.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today your destiny may be with you. You can manage things easily and it will boost your confidence. You may plan to visit some spiritual place. You are likely to donate some money to charity. You may expect a short business trip. Help from elders may give you peace of mind. Lovebirds may get some help from family members in terms of marriage.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today you may feel dull and could have some minor health-related issues. This may affect your daily routine. You may explore and analyse yourself to figure out your negativities. You may feel alone while sitting in a crowd and your focus may be lost. In the late evening, with the help of elders, you may overcome this messy situation.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today you may get some business orders which may be profitable in the near future. You may implement some new ideas in your work front. New partnerships may come into the ground. You may be busy with your work. It can make you mentally tired and can impact your domestic life.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today you will perform well at your job. Your colleagues may cooperate with you. You may be able to complete your postponed projects on time. You may lend money for investment purposes. Jobseekers may get a new job. Those affected by old health issues will hear good news.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today's situation is better and people around you may respond to you. You are advised not to take life as a burden. You should try to sustain yourself in unavoidable situations. You may face some difficulties with easy gains. Somehow, help from elders will help you to come out from bad situations. Your confusions regarding choosing targets may now be clear.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today tasks may remain incomplete. You may be a victim of mood swings. Your patience may be tested many times. Silly mistakes can make you confused at work. Lovebirds find themselves confused in terms of feelings. More expectations may affect your emotional attachment with your spouse. You are advised to take care of your parents. Students may lose their concentration.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today, with the help of your subordinate staff, you may be able to complete postponed projects. Your network may be boosted now, which may help you with your work or social life. You may plan to go for outings with friends or siblings. Some disputes with neighbours may be resolved now. Students are advised to overcome laziness and carelessness.

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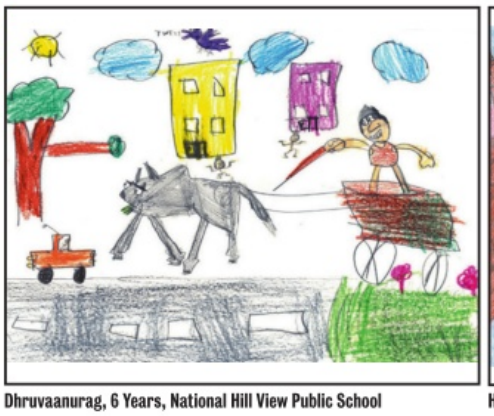
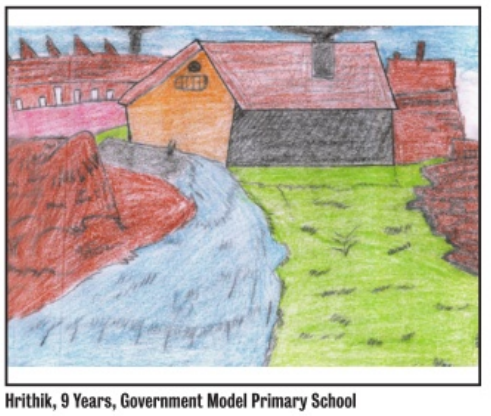


Dhruvaanurag, 6 Years, National Hill View Public School



Hrithik, 9 Years, Government Model Primary School

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
82 ÷ 20 × 64 = 4.1 × 64 = 262.4

BULL'S EYE
ergo, forge, forger, FORGERY, frog, gore, gory, grey, gyre, gyro, ogre, orgy

STRIKE OUT

R	I	B	B	A	N	D	C	O	A	R	S	E		
E		U		T	A	V		H		A				
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FAST FIVE

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P	E	S	T	O
A	L	I	N	E
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QUOTE UNCODE
Never wear your best trousers when you go out to fight for freedom and truth.

RIDDLER
AGENT DEE, who is TEENAGED, is very young. AGENT YIP, who is EGYPTIAN, specializes in Sphinxes. AGENT MIC, who is MAGNETIC, has attractive abilities.

MENSA PUZZLE
H: in all the others the outer figure is repeated in the middle.

SUDOKU

6	8	1	2	4	3	7	5	9
4	7	2	9	5	1	3	8	6
3	5	9	8	6	7	1	4	2
2	3	5	7	1	9	8	6	4
9	1	6	4	8	2	5	3	7
8	4	7	6	3	5	2	9	1
1	6	4	3	7	8	9	2	5
7	2	8	5	9	6	4	1	3
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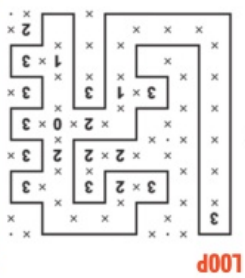
ALPHA TRIANGLE
S, SE, See, Eyes, Verse, Served, Deserve.

LOOP



GO FIGURE
Easy
5 − 7 + 6 − 2 = 2
7 × 2 − 8 − 5 = 1
Hard
2 + 5 × 1 + 1 = 8

KAKURO

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SANDALWOOD SHOTS
Y MAHESWARA REDDY

Days of youth

Padavi Poorva is being touted as one of the few movies in Sandalwood that showcases the lifestyle of youngsters aged between 16 and 18 years. The movie revolves around the lives of PU students and it is slated to take audiences from the current digital world to the analog period of the 1990s.

The teaser of the movie was released by Navarasa Nayaka Jaggesh at SRV Theater on Tuesday. Jaggesh, in his inimitable style, recalled how his friends and he used to do all other things except attending classes during their college days. "Those days remain as sweet memories," said Jaggesh.

Jaggesh said that he has known the director of the film Hariprasad Jayanna for quite a long time. "The director is known for hard work and dedication," he said.

Yogaraj Bhat plays the role of a peon at a PU College. "I worked for half a day," said Bhat, adding that Prithvi Shamanur has a bright future as he looks good and works hard.

Same, but different

Kannada film fans are familiar with the Srinath and Manjula-starrer Mithuna that was released in December 1980. Now, a movie is being made with the same title. Bhargav BV and Yashashwini Subbegowda are the lead pair in this movie. Both play software engineers. It is Yashashwini's first Kannada film. Bhargav has acted in five Kannada movies such as 6 Days, Ramaithili, Teddy Bear, Adondhuralli, Parishudham.

According to director Lokesh B, the movie is aimed at showcasing the lifestyle of software engineers in metropolitan cities. "Some incidents that took place at software companies are the inspiration to write the script for this movie. Many software engineers, especially girls, with rural backgrounds struggle a lot to work at these companies. I am trying to tell their story," said Lokesh.

The muhurat function of Mithuna was held at Sri Durga Parameshwari Temple in the city recently. The director is busy selecting two more actresses in the lead role for this movie.

Mind the gap

PC reveals when it was that she received equal pay as her male co-stars

Actress Priyanka Chopra Jonas revealed in an interview that her upcoming series 'Citadel' is the first time she's ever received equal pay as her male co-stars. She has been acting for 20 years.

"I've never had pay parity in Bollywood," Priyanka said in an interview.

"I would get paid about 10 per cent of the salary of my male co-actor. (The pay gap) is large, substantially large. And so many women still deal with that. I'm sure I will too if I worked with a male co-actor now in Bollywood.

"My generation of female actors have definitely asked [for equal pay]," she added. "We've asked, but we've not got it."

Priyanka detailed other ways in which she contended against sexism while working on Bollywood productions. "I thought it was absolutely ok to sit for hours and hours on set, while my male co-actor just took his own time, and decided whenever he wanted to show up on set is when we would shoot," she said.

"I was called 'black cat' and 'dusky.' I mean, what does 'dusky' even mean in a country where we are literally all brown?" Chopra Jonas continued. "I thought I was not pretty enough, I believed that I would have to work a lot harder, even though I thought I was probably a little bit more talented than my fellow actors who were lighter skinned."

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'Citadel' hails from 'Avengers: Infinity War' directors Joe and Anthony Russo and features an ensemble cast that is headlined by Priyanka and Richard Madden.

The show is billed as an "action-packed spy series" that spans the globe, and it's being designed to launch spinoff series set in India, Spain Mexico and more.

—IANS

Meet Lady Singham

In a big announcement on Thursday, Rohit Shetty revealed that he is set to introduce Deepika Padukone as lady Singham in the franchise's upcoming film. He said, "In the next film we are making in the Singham universe, Deepika will be seen as lady Singham. She is my lady cop in Singham Again. We are working together next year."

Rohit said this at the launch of Current Laga Re, the song from Ranveer Singh starrer Cirkus, which also features Deepika Padukone in a guest appearance. The actress is seen as Meenamma, her character from Rohit's Chennai Express.

Reportedly, Singham Again stars Ajay Devgn and it will be interesting to see Ajay and Deepika on screen.

Ranveer and Deepika who showcased scintillating performances in Goliyon Ki Raasleela Ram Leela's numbers set the set on fire by doing signature moves from Current Laga Re at the event.

About the chemistry, Ranveer said, "When we come together on set, when I'm with Deepika, I have a lot of fun..."

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